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SUBJ: PROSPECTS FADING FOR PERON-BALBIN TICKET

1. SUMMARY: UCR DEPLORES JULY 12 RESIGNATIONS OF TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND BALBIN EXPLAINS HIS RECENT CONTACTS WITH PERON, GENERAL CARCAGNO AND EX-PRESIDENT CAMPORA. POSSIBILITY OF A PERON-BALBIN TICKET NOW APPEARS REMOTE. END SUMMARY.

2. WITH UCR NATIONAL CONGRESS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN OPENING FORMALITIES TONIGHT AND FULL MEETING TOMORROW, THE LONG-RUMORED OFFER FROM PERON OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTIAL SLOT TO BALBIN STILL HAS NOT MATERIALIZED, LEAVING MANY OBSERVERS WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS PLAN, IF IT EVER EXISTED, IS NOW DEAD. CLOSE PERONIS SOURCE OF EMBASSY SHARES THIS VIEW.

3. PRESS REPORTS UCR NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON JULY 26 APPROVED DECLARATION DEPLORING AND CONDEMNING JULY 12 RESIGNATIONS OF CAMPORA, SOLANO LIMA AND DIAZ BIALET WHICH WERE TERMED RESULTS OF EVENTS WHICH "ENDANGER THE INSTITUTIONAL LIFE OF THE COUNTRY AND CAN AFFECT REPUBLICAN NORMS OF RESPECT FOR THE WILL OF THE POPULAR MAJORITIES."

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4. AT REQUEST OF THE COMMITTEE, BALBIN EXPLAINED HIS CONTACTS WITH PERON, CARCAGNO AND CAMPORA. THE LAST TIME HE HAD HAD CONTACT WITH PERON, BALBIN SAID, WAS WHEN HE RECEIVED HIM DURING THE LATTER'S VISIT TO THE CONGRESS JUNE 24 (BA-4459) AT WHICH TIME PERON HAD EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO MAINTAIN A DIALOGUE WITH HIM TO COLLABORATE IN RESOLVING THE COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS. BALBIN SAID HE HAD EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER CERTAIN ACTS WHICH DID NOT SERVE THIS PROCESS AND PERON AGREED WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN SITUATIONS WHICH HAD BEEN CREATED.

5. BALBIN SAID HE HAD BEEN INVITED TO DINE WITH GENERAL CARCAGNO ON JULY 17 AFTER THE RESIGNATION OF CAMPORA. CARCAGNO, HE SAID, HAD STATED THAT THE PURPOSE OF HIS AND THE OTHER CINC'S CONTACTS WITH PERON AND THE POLITICAL PARTY CHIEFS WAS TO ACHIEVE A NON-PARTISAN MILITARY WHICH WOULD COLLABORATE IN THE PROCESS OF INSTITUTIONALIZATION. BALBIN SAID HE HAD ASKED IF SOMETHING WAS GOING ON, BUT HAD NEVER RECEIVED A SATISFACTORY REPLY.

5. CAMPORA, BALBIN SAID, HAD INVITED HIM ALONG WITH OTHER HORA DEL PUEBLO LEADERS TO HEAR THE REASONS FOR HIS RESIGNATION, WHICH HAD FOLLOWED THE EXPLANATION GIVEN PUBLICLY.

7. BALBIN SAID EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE WAS THE PRODUCT OF A WAVE OF RUMORS, THAT THERE WAS NO OFFER FROM PERON. HE SAID IN CONCLUDING THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT HAS TO BE DONE, BUT "THE COUNTRY IS SICK." IT IS NOT JUST A CRISIS OF A MOVEMENT, BUT OF THE WHOLE INSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT. HE HAD MADE NO COMMITMENTS HE SAID, AND WOULD NEVER DO SO WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE PARTY.  
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